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PROMETHEAN NEWS LETTER

No. 2

January, 1945

This second NEWS LETTER, along with a statement of our Financial Report, goes out from the office of the Organizational Coordinator. (We trust you will send news for the next issue. The only way to receive news is to contribute news.)

A letter to the boys from DeHaven -

Where You Are

"Another edition of the news rolls around and we find that everything is progressing very well on the battle-front as well as the home front. Things are beginning to clear up and I hope by the end of this year that the cloud of War disappears.

Wherever you are and whatever you are doing I am with you 100% because I know that you are doing your best. If you keep the flame of brotherhood, that was kindled at Howard going I know that the Prometheans will forever send forth their light, giving hope and guidance to all that are by the wayside. Each night I say a prayer that we may continue to do our good work.

For those who have given the supreme sacrifice we should all say a prayer that their loss was not in vain.

The treasury is building up gradually which is an indication that we are all still one, no matter where we are. Keep up the good work and continue to look out for our future. Remember that our future is the future of America tomorrow.

If you know of someone that you think has been over-looked be sure and contact him or the Prometheans at Washington. Keep the ball rolling and be sure and stay on the top.

In conclusion, I want to thank you for your enthusiasm and cooperation. God bless you and may he see us all safely through this crisis. Remember our date in Washington so don't let us down.

Yours,
DeHaven

NEWS FLASHES ! ! !

The following former AST Men are now in the Medical School at Howard:
Joseph Bergernon, Elbert Fountain, and William Farmer.

Albert Sheffield, best remembered as one of the original Ninety Engrs. is now a civilian, enrolled in the Engineering School at Howard.

Rufus Blake also one of the 'originals' is now a civilian. He is planning marriage at a early date and plans to return to California immediately after-

Benjamin Handy spent the Holidays in Washington as the guest of his ole love.

Lt. Donald Certaine finished OCS at Ft. Belvoir and was in the city for a few days, before returning to duty.

Members of the 371st Infantry and Members of the 317th Engr. C Br. are in Italy, APO #92. New York, N.Y.

Members of the H & S Co. 1318 Engr. GS Regt. are somewhere in Europe. APO #507, New York, N.Y.

Members of the H & S Co. 1321 Engr. GS Regt. are somewhere in Europe. APO #511, New York, N.Y.

Members of the H & S 1315 Engr. C Br. are in the Netherlands East Indies. APO #920 San Francisco, Calif.

Among these men are:

Cpl. William Waverly Baker and
Cpl. Clarence LaRue

Members of the 1319th Engr Regt. are in the Hawaiian Islands. APO #236 San Francisco, Calif. Xmas Greetings were received from the following men in Oahu-Hawaiian Islands:

Sgt. John R. Hargrove, H & S Co.
Sgt. James Moxley, Co. D
T/5 James H. Jenkins, Co. A
Cpl. Aaron S. Pressie, Co. B
Cpl. George Henderson, H & S Co.
Pfc. Paul E. Sweeney, H & S Co.
Pfc. Marion C. Sleet, H & S Co.

* *** Recipients of Stars *** *
* *
* Sgt. Eugene Graham and S/Sgt. *
* Tutt have received a Silver Star *
* and a Bronze Star respectively, *
* for gallantry in action in Italy. *
* *

Thomas Sharpe is enrolled in a Technical Lab. course at Walter Reed General Hosp.

Willis Johnson is now stationed at Walter Reed Hospital.

Former Bn Commander Alton Wimberly and Bn Adj. Roy Burley are among the ranks of Infantry Officers from Ft. Benning and assigned to the Replacement Pool at Ft. Huachuca.

Lt. Craig R. Means, best remembered by the Engrs. from Prairie View in Texas is now on the staff at Howard.

Daniel (Jodie) Veal has just returned to duty from Walter Reed, he was sent to Camp Lee for Training.

FLASH: Leo Wallace (Baldy) is going back to Texas to get hooked as he says to a "Gail from the wide open spaces".

The snatch boards are now calling 4-f's very fast, last year the question was when are the soldiers leaving; now the question is when do you leave.

The Law School Bldg. is the scene of a lively dance every week end, Maestro Hadley and his box of many men are the featured musicians.

R A T I N G S

These are some of the men who have received ratings in Italy: 1st Sgt. John Graves; S/Sgts. David Perkins, Tutt, Rupert Hoover; Sgts. Benjamin Hooks Eugene Graham; T/4s John Lucas, Romeo Green, Porter Philips; T/5s Carleton Bovell, Clinton Jones; Cpl. Edward Brock, Haydel, Hobert Turner. Lts. Roy Burley, Alton Wimberly, Donald Certaine and Melvin Addison, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.

PM and the 92nd Division

Recently, January 7th, 1945, PM carried an artist's (Oliver Harrington's) conception of the 92nd Division in action. The pictures are now in the Promethean files.

The ASTR Unit

Those members of the ASTR who turned 18 during the last cycle are no longer with us. However, some 70 seventeen-year-old men are still here. They are not taking History or Geography: consequently, I am not teaching soldiers for the first time in over a year and a half. What a break for the boys ! ! !

Financial Report as of December 31, 1944 -

When this NEWS LETTER reaches you - sometime in February, every member of the PROMETHEANS who volunteered to pay \$1.00 a month in dues will owe \$5.00 for the period Oct. 1944 to Feb., 1945.

We now have \$80.25 in the treasury, incidentally, \$15.00 collected at Ft. Huachuca in Oct. and more later in Italy and entrusted to Cpl. Hobert Turner has not been forwarded to this office.

If every member pays the agreed \$1.00 a month dues we should soon have \$1000. Let's make that amount our goal by our first anniversary - October 1945.

Here are the most modern conception of GENERAL ORDERS

1. TO TAKE charge of this groovy post and all GI property in view of my blinkers.
2. TO ANKLE my post most unlike a sender - on - a - bender, glimming and staying hep to all the lays, plays and overplays which cross my deuce-of-peepers.
3. TO GUMBEAT all off-plays the topster laid-on for me to put down fine.
4. TO BACKCAP all loud mouthings from posts more distant from the MOANCHAMBER than mine own.
5. TO BLOW-THE-SCENE only when another stud cops my spot.
6. TO DIG, OBEY AND SPEIL to the sentinel who clips my stand-strip, the power-jive laid on me by the gents on bar-time and those groovy lanes with the striped-muggers connected with the other dopes who're on the mellow guard time.
7. TO NIX offtime chop beating unless tis in the righteous duty line.

8. TO MAKE the yell-trip when the heat's on and the joint aint' nowhere.
9. TO DIG, the camp homie carrying a deuce-of-stripes, when any unhepped action jumps-off that leaves me numb and dumb.
10. TO BEND my elbow and cross-my-glamor-cond, when the main gents and the groovy STARS'N'Stripes trilly pass not cased.
11. TO BE really "in-there" in the early black, and during the time when you toss a challenge-riff; to cop that spell to every living "A" on or near my slave-stand, and to sidetract the jivers, thrivers and strivers who aint' cooking with coke.

She was only a farmers' daughter but all the horse menknewher. OUCH !

Hey "Home"

The past "thoity" rolled by, and the "action was sad", the "Hawkins", blew his wig, so the Joadies has to contact the "needle slinger" and cop some heavy duty or stach his frame in the Dorm-i, and stay off the stem". The "Stumpy" Woodruff has laid a "Mad scribe" on the "Lipp" for the Medics, it is so great I'm gonna lay it on you, in fact I can't back-cap it, and I'm not even trying to answer. It's so mad I'm gonna frame it. I could go on for hours giving you my impression of it so here tis. - -

"Hey Homeboys; just a few lines to scrib booting you to the fact that all the cats from the ace bury are down with your frantiness. We colar all your spiels and also cop all the hypes that you put down because not so many brights ago we were putting down the same. Tell the Students that are left to stay out of the way of the snatch board because in this mess they will have to put down a slave of solid seven brights and when the solid black shows and it's Elgin to stash my mellow frame upon the sod to cop myself a nod, Jerries Express falls to lay their iron eggs. All I do is drop on my duece of benders and spiel a solid plea that if I should join the stiff-Joes before the early toot, I will hype to the head knock to make everything all root and scrape a spot for this hep in his upper deminy.

I hope somebody will cop a win so we can track back to the big flat cross the huge wet and I will blow my wig, jumping from lush pad to frolic crib, eyeballing the frantic chics. Home, this speed is killing me. So I'll slow down my scribe but dig this piece of jive, Jack; When I get back all those frantic queens will stash their mellow frames on the corner and cop their brace of blinks on my solid stroll.

I know Joedie is playing like mad now because he's there and I'm here, but I won't be here always but will be bowling back, and it won't be long because Sam is diggin Jerries mess. Jack, Sam won't let that half high stud rest. Of course Jerry is doing his best, but that ain't good enough, to tuff, You follow me. Well, I got to do some slave, but I'll be back with more, for sure with lore. This stuff won't do: I'll leave it up to you. Take it slow, Moe, and keep your weight on the freight, Gate. Give my oodles to My Toodles...Dig

Most likely Geronimo would like to dig that brief scribe that has been previously put down. Tell him that I'm in my hay and that is all that I could find to say.

Your Boy,
Stumpy

Now I ask aint' that scribe gone, That cat was out of this world. Well, thats the way I like to hear the boys sound, and I know no amount of people can stand in the way of fellows like that getting back to the stem. So I'm hoping all the fellows cop this message from "Stumpy", he's got the spirit, I'll just leave him like he is, and next month if I'm here I'll do a back-cap on the scribe above. That's all for this thoity, but please send in some info so we can let the rest of the fellows know what's happening.

LETS GO BACK

GERONIMO

IF YOU WANT NEWS SEND NEWS

REVIEWER'S COMMENTS ON LOGAN'S
"WHAT THE NEGRO WANTS"

During the holidays the faculty sent out large numbers of this book to servicemen. Here's what the critics think of this book.

"Recommended without reservation. Should be required reading for all Americans, white and Negro".

Dorothy R. Homer,
Library Jnl.

"First-class, in the lucidity and persuasiveness of its writing; first-class in the sheer, unbreakable logic of its argument; first-class in the high level of its moral and spiritual insight. Yet the writers of this book rate as third-class Americans."

H.A. Overstreet,
Saturday Review of Lit.

"The authors pull no punches. They were told to say what they think and they did".

Gerald W. Johnson,
N. Y. Herald Tribune

"A thrilling document... a brave, true heroic book... a veritable declaration of independence for the Negroes in this country".

John Haynes Holmes

"14 leading Negroes-ranging from poet to trade-unionist, conservative to Communist - state the Negro case.... a series of balanced, thoughtful articles."

TIME

The University of Michigan Proposes
A Program of Military Training
Suitable for Colleges

The University of Michigan proposes a four-point national program for compulsory military training suitable for American colleges and universities if Congress approves the military training measure now before it.

These are the four goals:

1. It should develop a trained citizen army and navy, but should not militarize the country while doing it.
2. It should rehabilitate the physically and mentally handicapped as much as possible instead of pushing them aside as has had to be done in this emergency.
3. It should educate for civilian pursuits, for citizenship, for the civil as well as the military needs of war.
4. It should recognize woman's importance in national defense and develop opportunities for her service.

According to the University program, persons able to attend college should take a summer of training after high school.

Guard Your Pennies

Professor Herman Branson's little son, Herman, Jr., sometime last summer sequestered a penny from his little sister's treasury and then very secretly swallowed it. The money lodged in his esophagus, causing a persistent cough. Expensive hospitalization, private nursing, consultations and x-rays finally led to a proper diagnosis. The capital of the U.S. had no surgeon dexterous enough to remove the obstruction. Consequently, Professor and Mrs. Branson carried the baby to Philadelphia to the world renown Jackson clinic where the coin was recovered in less than five minutes. The entire penny episode cost Daddy Branson plenty.

Moral: Guard your pennies and you will save dollars.

WAC'S Diet

A revision of the diet for the Women's Army Corps will slash \$2,700.00 off the Army Food Bill.

The WAC, though a soldier and leading an active life, does not eat a man's ration and can be nourished adequately on 3,100 calories per day, which is 650 calories less than required for male soldiers. The WAC likes about the same food as the Army man, but in different quantities & at different times. The new menu eliminates for women fried potatoes for breakfast. Where the male soldier wants two eggs, the WAC wants only one. Men like a second helping of pork sausage, but the WACS have sufficient portions with 55% less. The male soldier puts mayonaise on his salad. The woman prefers salad oil and French dressing. The WAC drinks 25% less coffee, eats 25% less pastry, 50% less assorted dry cereal, and uses 15% less sugar and 30% less syrup.

After entering college they would be permitted to enroll in Army and Navy reserve officer training programs and spend three summers in camp. If the student did not take the ROTC he would be expected to spend four summers in camp.

The training should fulfill a larger purpose than just military training. It should help to equalize the present differences in education which exist by providing make up work for those who had little or no formal schooling. It likewise should even the medical and dental inequalities by providing uniform care and service for all enrolled.

Basic training must be supplemented by experience in the many aspects of modern conflict on land, sea and in the air and be broad enough to develop the capabilities of modern American youth.

Submitted by - Dr. Merze Tate

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1944

This report indicates the amount paid by each member, which has reached the office of the Organizational Coordinator.

Aganda, Bennett P.	1.00
Anderson, Elmer A.	1.00
Baker, William W.	1.00
Baugh, Luke J.	1.00
Brown, Harold J.	1.00
Cason, David	2.00
Crawford, Robert L.	1.00
Danzy, Richard L.	1.00
Davis, John	2.00
Davis, Theodore M.	1.00
DeHaven, Burrell B.	3.00
Dawson, Clarence R.	1.00
Fletcher, Howard R.	1.75
Frankowsky, James W.	6.00
Goring, Calvin B.	1.00
Harrison, Miles G.	1.00
Hobbs, Thadeaus H.	5.00
Hobbs, William L.	5.00
Hooks, Benjamin L.	4.00
Hoover, Rupert	5.00
Jenkins, James H.	1.00
Jones, Clinton I.	1.00
LaRue, Clarence	2.00
Lyken, Herbert L.	1.00
Mackey, Eugene P.	5.00
Mayronne, F. E.	1.00
Meeds, Virgil A.	1.00
McNeal, Theodore	6.00
Mitcham, Clinton A.	6.00
Poole, Marion L.	1.00
Robinson, Thomas E.	2.00
Scrutchions, Benjamin	1.00
Seixas, Barry	1.00
Smith, Charles S.	1.00
Stinson, Nathaniel	.50
Turner, Hobert	1.00
Veal, Daniel J.	3.00
Ventress, Joseph	1.00
	<u>80.25</u>

Receipts \$80.25

The following men have applied for membership in the organization but no fees from them have been received by this office. Some, however, paid money to Cpl. Turner.

Bailey, Joseph L.
 Barr, Willie
 Blanche, Ernest J.
 Brookins, Terry
 Davis, Elwood K.
 Davis, Percy L.
 Elder, Nathan R.
 Evans, Norman L.
 Felder, Booker T.
 Henderson, George, O.
 Ingersoll, Theodore E.
 Jackson, Charles
 Jackson, James
 Moxley, James E.
 Pressie, Aaron L.
 Richardson, Andrew D.
 Still, Lawrence A.
 Sweeney, Paul E.
 Turnquest, Byron W.
 Warren, Kurlow O.
 Watson, James L.
 Wilcher, Marcus L.

NOTE: If there is an error in this report, please notify me at once so a correction can be made.

Expenses incurred by this office
 Postage \$1.00
 Postage used for mailing forms from Huachuca .27

Submitted by Merze Tate, January 1945